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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

## RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

## HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000  
RESERVE LAID OUT OF PROFITS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—M. GOSCH, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—D. B. BOWEN, Esq.  
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SHANGHAI.—E. W. OSMAN, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
The chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, May 27, 1887.

## Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED myself, as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

H. H. LIGHTWOOD,  
Club Chambers.  
Hongkong, May 30, 1887.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTSEBART LIME JUICE, and THE MONTSEBART LIME JUICE CORDIALS.  
A. S. WATSON & CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, May 8, 1887.

## THE SHARK FISHERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES will be received by the SECRETARY until further Notice.  
JOHN WILLMOTT,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 23, 1887.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 6 (SPECIAL).

## CHINA SEA.

### SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

WRACK OF S.S. Mensaich.

NOTICE is hereby given that On-  
sawyers, taken on the 26th Instant by Captain ROBERTS, Marine Surveyor, in the position of the WRACK of the Mensaich as a little less than 5 1/2 miles N. 82° E. magnetic from the North Saddle Light-  
house, in about 12 fathoms at low water spring tides.  
The THREE MASTS of the WRACK were standing upright at the time; the EYES of the MASTS were lying being about 7 feet above high water.

A. M. BISBEE,  
Coast Inspector.  
Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Shanghai, 26th May, 1887.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

STEAMER 'Menzel' SUNK about 7 miles N.E. from North Saddle Light. The MASTS are standing.

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.  
Hongkong, May 23, 1887.

## CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

## NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. RICHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES. ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS. NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

## DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

## NOTICE.

I propose, if sufficient Inducement offers, to RUN A STEAM FERRY from PORTUGAL STREET WHARF (Victoria Hotel) to some Wharf or Stonecutter's Island, during the Hot Season. This will enable those who have not the luxury of a Private Launch to cross to the Island, and BATHE in CLEAN WATER for a very nominal amount.

The above Subscribers the less each will have to pay. At present, I propose landing at the Government Wharf at Stonecutter's Island. Bathing can be done as to how and where they bathe.

The Launch will leave Hongkong at 5.15 p.m. sharp and leave Stonecutter's 6.45 a.m. as the run across and back takes 50 minutes. Bathing will have at least an hour on the island and yet be able to return in good time for dinner at 7.30. I shall run 3 Nights a Week, certain, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS; if it is found necessary to run Nightly I will do so. On SATURDAYS, I could leave at 4.30 and return at 6.30 to 7.

Those wishing to SUPPORT this will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names to

E. MAURICIO,  
c/o J. ROBERTS, Esq.,  
'The Fashion Emporium',  
Lyndhurst Terrace.

Special arrangements for families.

Hongkong, May 23, 1887.

## NOTICE.

CUSTOM HOUSE.

Kowloon, 31st May, 1887.

NOTICE is hereby given that a HULL has been MOORED at the back of Stonecutter's Island, in Chinese Waters, which will be used as a CUSTOM HOUSE and OPTUM REPAIRING HULK provisionally pending more durable arrangements.

IMPORTERS of OPIUM into China are informed that, on and after TO-MORROW, the 1st June, they can bring their DRUG—either in unbroken Cases or in Parcels made up in accordance with the New Hongkong Opium Ordinance—to the Customs at Kowloon, pay the DUTY and DUTY—HAIKUAN TAXES 10.0.0 per Picul—or it, Repack it (if necessary) into Parcels convenient for carriage inland, and have all the requisite Labels affixed and Transit Certificates made out (if wanted). Any further information can be obtained by Merchants at the Kowloon Customs House, which, for the present, will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., SUNDAYS excepted.

F. A. MORGAN,  
Commissioner of Customs.

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## HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Office, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD.

## FIRE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE.

PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED:

"I have hitherto much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the Fire Bricks as made by you at your new works."

"In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick."

"After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that may be likely to undergo and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used for."

"I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using."

Hongkong, May 23, 1887.

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## Business Notices.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

## WINES & BEERS:

A YALA & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts \$22.00, Pints \$24.00.

ADOLPH COLLIN'S SWEET CHAMPAGNE, Quarts \$18.00, Pints \$20.00.

BURGUNDIES.—Maison, Houlin & Vent, Beaune, Pommard and Chambertin.

BORDEAUX WINES.—ADET SAWARD & Co.'s various Brands.

WHISKY, NAPIER JOHNSTON'S 'OLD HIGHLAND' in square bottles, per case \$10.00.

CLAUSEN'S CHAMPAGNE LAGER BEER, per case 6 doz. Quarts \$18.00, per case 10 doz. Pints \$20.00.

GRIFFIN'S LIGHT SPARKLING ALE } per 4 doz. Quarts \$11.50.

DASS'S ALE 'BULL DOG' BRAND } per 8 doz. Pints \$15.00.

GUINNESS'S STOUT 'BULL DOG' BRAND }

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, June 1, 1887.

## STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN AT 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINES, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887.

## W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THIS WEEK

A Large Assortment of NEW SUMMER DRESS MATERIALS, consisting of

NEEDLEWORK COSTUMES, Fancy CANVAS CLOTHES, SPECIALITIES IN CREPE STRIPES, STRIPE and CHECK DRESSING TO MATCH, LAMA CAMBRICS, &c., &c.

Also, a New Assortment of PARASOLS, SILK GLOVES, CORSETS, LACE MANILLAS, FANCY NIGHTGOWNS, GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER SOCKS, VESTS AND DRAWERS, TABLE LINENS, FURNITURE PLUSHES, &c.

Victoria Exchange, May 21, 1887.

(TELEPHONE 21).

## ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

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EX LATE ARRIVALS.

## OUR SPRING STOCK OF

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS and COLLARS,

UNDERVESTS,

PANTS and HALF-HOSE,

BOOTS and SHOES,

CHRISTY'S FELT, TERAI and STRAW HATS,

UMBRELLAS,

HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.

Hongkong, April 6, 1887.

## Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and Smoking Rooms.

THE HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

## Intimations.

PUNJON and SUNGHIE DUA, SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to the SHAREHOLDERS of the above company that in pursuance of Article 11 of the Company's Articles of Association a FINAL CALL of \$5 PER SHARE will be made on the 3rd day of June, 1887, Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

And further that INTEREST at the Rate of 10 PER CENT. per Annum will be charged on ALL CALLS which shall remain UNPAID after the 3rd day of June, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th May to the 3rd June, 1887, both days inclusive.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 16, 1887.

## Intimations.

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co., THE LONDON AERATED WATERS MANUFACTURERS,

1, DUNDRELL STREET, CONTINUE TO SUPPLY

Their popular AERATED DRINKS, viz.: Soda Water, Tonic Water, Sarsaparilla, Lemonade, GINGERBREAD, RASPBERRYADE, &c., &c., &c.

SPECIAL RATES TO LARGE CONSUMERS.

Hongkong, May 6, 1887.

## DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist, (FORMERLY ASSISTANT APRENTICE AND LATER ASSISTANT TO DR. BOGGS.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. BOGGS,

No. 2, DUNDRELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families. Sole Address

2, DUNDRELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 18, 1886.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 6th June, 1887, at 2 o'clock p.m., at the Residence of D. R. CRAWFORD, Esq., Craigiebroun, The Peak,

THE FOLLOWING

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Drawing Room:—ELEGANT TAPESTRY-COVERED CHAIRS and COUCHES, CHEER-POINTE, WHATEVER, CHANDELIERS, OIL PAINTINGS, MIRRORS, CARPETS, WINDOW CURTAINS, &c., &c.

Dining Room:—DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, DINETTE WAGON, GLASS, CHOCOLATEY and PLATED WARE, BOOK CASE, MOROCCO-COVERED CHAIRS, &c., &c.

Bed Room:—BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and DRESSING TABLES, NARROW-WOOD WARDROBES, CHEST of DRAWERS, CHIVAL GLASS, IRON COUCH BED, &c., &c.

Also,

A GRAND PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by CHAFFEL & Co.

TENNIS NETS and POLES, LAWN MOWER, COOKING STOVE, SEWING MACHINES, and a Choice Collection of PLANTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 31, 1887.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of GROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 6th day of June, 1887, at 4 p.m., at Peak Road near the Albany, and at 5 p.m., at Richmond Road, are published for general information.

By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th May, 1887.

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of June, 1887, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of 3 Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

No. of Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Roods.	Area in Poles.	Area in Perches.	Area in Square Feet.
1.	Inland Lot No. 983.	21.25 ft. by 112.5 ft.	2.40	0	0	0	165,000
2.	Peak Road Lot No. 984.	127.5 ft. by 144.3 ft.	18.40	0	0	0	1,562,880
3.	Do.	280.3 ft. by 200.3 ft.	43.75	0	0	0	2,942,250

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$21 " " "

Dubos Fines & de Gerson & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree' WHISKY, \$7.75 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MARY OFFICE.

## To Let.

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(With Early Possession.)

THE DESIRABLE RESIDENCE 'GREEN MOUNT,' Situated on the BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1887.

TO BE LET.

(With Early Possession.)

'BISNEE VILLA'—POKFULUM.

SHARP & Co., Estate Agents.

Hongkong, April 9, 1887.

OFFICES—TO BE LET.

AT No. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, with COMPARTMENTS, ROOMS, and Entrance in STANLEY STREET.

Apply to HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, March 14, 1887.

TO BE LET.

A VERY COMFORTABLE HOUSE, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED, Commanding extensive Sea View, and very Cool in Summer.

Apply at THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, May 17, 1887.

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLONIAL CHAMBERS,' No. 19, HONGWOOD ROAD.



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Wingang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Western Wharf, and Godown Company's West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th June will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in before the 4th of June, they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 31, 1887. 1029

## GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glengyle* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undergarments, and for from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY, the 27th Instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd June will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887. 1010

## To-day's Advertisements.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.

THE Company's S.S. *Celbes*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Western Wharf and Godown Company's West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 9th Instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in before the 6th Instant, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1041

## CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship *PARTHA*, 3,107 Tons, Registered at G. Brooker, will be despatched for YANCOUVER, B.C., and KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 7th June, at 3 p.m.

To be followed by S.S. *BATAVIA*, on the 26th June, and S.S. *ADYSSIA*, on the 26th July. These steamers, formerly in the CUNARD Service, lately received New Engines and Boilers, and can maintain a speed at sea of from 13 to 14 knots.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with S.S. *Francisco* by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The attention of through passengers is drawn to the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway being the best built and most splendidly equipped line ever constructed on the American Continent, and specially adapted for Summer travelling.

Consular Invoices for Goods to United States points should be sent in duplicate, and addressed to Mr. D. E. Brown, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C., and sent to us.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 6th Instant. All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1044

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *OCEANIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Return Passengers—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 50 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 % will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 % from Return Fare. These discounts do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 501, Queen's Road, Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1045

## To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Emeralda*, Capt. TAYLOR, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 6th Inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1040

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship *Wingang*, Capt. F. A. DE ST. CROIX, will be despatched for the above on SATURDAY, the 11th Instant, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, especially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1042

## TAKASIMA COASTLINE AGENCY.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the above Agency.

H. J. H. TRIPP.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1046

## WANTED.

A STEWARDRESS & THIRD OFFICER for the British Steamship *Partia* to leave on the 7th June.

Apply to Captain BROWN on Board before 10 a.m., or to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1050

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the BUSINESS of GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS and COMMISSION AGENTS previously carried on at Fuchow, in the Empire of China, under the Firm of CHOP OF HOK LEE HONG & Co., by TIONG AH HOK and TAN KINE SING in Co-partnership, was DISSOLVED on the 6th day of January, 1887, and the responsibility of the said TAN KINE SING for any DEBT or LIABILITY incurred by the said Firm or Chop determined on the 6th day of January, 1887.

HOK LEE & Co., Fuchow.

Singapore, 17th May, 1887.

## WITH Reference to the above, I, TIONG AH HOK, of Fuchow, do hereby notify the Public that the BUSINESS of the HOK LEE HONG &amp; Co., of Fuchow, is now being carried on at Fuchow as heretofore by TAM KIM CHING, of Singapore, Merchant, and myself under the style of HOK LEE HONG &amp; Co.; and that I hold a Power of Attorney from the said TAN KINE SING as his Agent individually and also as a PARTNER in the said Firm, to transact all matters connected with the Business of the Firm at Fuchow.

TIONG AH HOK.

Hongkong, June 1, 1887. 1047

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. *MORAY*, FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharves & Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 8th Instant will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 8th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 8th June, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1043

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Ex *Yokohama* and *Saghalien*.

L.S. (in diamond), No. 16, 1 case Locke. R. (in diamond), No. 194, 1 case Ostrons. G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1048

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor the Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

*ADYSSIA*, British barque, Jas. H. Green. *Messageries Maritimes*. *Buxton*, British steamer, Captain Robt. Farquhar. *Gibb, Livingston & Co.* *Elwila*, American ship, Captain J. A. Barton. *Order*. *Glenmuir*, British steamer, Capt. John G. Wright. *Adamson, Bell & Co.* *Messier*, British steamer, Captain F. H. Tissot. *Russell & Co.* *Sorstad*, American barque, Haswell. *Russell & Co.* *Tavlor*, British steamer, Captain D. McCordale. *Adamson, Bell & Co.* *Toussaint*, British ship, Captain S. Davis. *Order*. *Ward*, American ship, Capt. C. C. Oakland. *Order*.

Hongkong, June 2, 1887. 1045

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 1, 1887.

*Caribbrook*, British str., 973, R. Cass, 11th May 27, Sugar—*Order*. *Killarney*, British steamer, 1,060, James O'Neill, Bangkok May 27, Rice—*YUN*. *Far Hong*. *Tobique*, [British ship], 1,413, S. Davis, Cardiff January 28, Coal—*Order*. *Danube*, British str., 601, Geo. Anderson, Haiphong May 30, General—A. R. MARY.

June 2.

*Telemachus*, British steamer, 1,421, Henry Jones, Shanghai May 28, and Amoy June 1, General—*BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE*. *Lady Harcourt*, British barque, 382, T. Williams, Newcastle May 9, Pass.—*Order*. *Clebe*, Dutch steamer, 1,423, J. C. Joon, Singapore May 20, and Saigon 29, General—*JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.* *Emeralda*, British steamer, 395, G. A. Taylor, Manila May 30, General—*RUSSELL & Co.* *Independent*, German str., from Whampoa. *Antares*, British steamer, 1,110, J. Brannan, Shanghai May 29, and Swatow June 1, General—*JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.* *Yangtze*, British steamer, from Whampoa. *Nicola*, German steamer, 1,667, E. G. Pfaff, Kobe May 27, General—*STREMSSEN & Co.* *Volga*, French steamer, 1,017, Boiss, Saigon May 30, Rice—*Messageries Maritimes*.

DEPARTURES.

June 2.

*Dyfla*, for Haiphong and Tonkin. *Welle*, for Tamsui. *Shanghai*, for Manila. *Tripart*, for Amoy and Shanghai. *San Pedro*, for San Francisco. *Marcia*, for Nagasaki. *Store Nordica*, for a cruise. *Lennox*, for New York. *Rosetta*, for Whampoa. *Canton*, for Whampoa.

CLARIFIED.

Born, for Amoy.

*Yuen Kiam*, for Bangkok.

*Soochow*, for Macao and Hoihow.

*Matilda*, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Danube*, from Haiphong, 22 Chinese.

Per *Telemachus*, from Shanghai, &c., Mrs. Blanchard, for London, and 325 Chinese.

Per *Clebe*, from Singapore, &c., Mr. Hall, and 89 Chinese.

Per *Emeralda*, from Manila, Mr. B. Milnes, 1 European, and 5 Chinese.

Per *Canton*, from Shanghai, 83 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Rosetta*, from Hongkong (for Singapore, London, Mr. P. R. Simmons, for London, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Crawford, the Misses Crawford, 3 children and European servant, Mrs. J. H. Cox, from Shanghai for Penang, Mr. J. Rich, and servant, Mr. G. McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. Cob and 2 infants. *Per Dyfla*, for Haiphong, Mr. and Mrs. Eymann, 2 children and servant, Mr. Pons, and 14 Chinese; for Tamsui, 4 Chinese. *Per San Pedro*, for San Francisco, 2 Europeans, and 608 Chinese. *Per Lennox*, for New York, 12 Europeans.

## TO DEPART.

Per *Pharos*, from Hongkong, for Kobe, Messrs S. von Dolden and M. von Dolden; for Yokohama, Messrs H. C. Metcalfe, and Mr. W. H. Lobb. For Yokohama: from London, Mr. Rees; from Yokohama, Mr. Seligman; from Amoy, Messrs. Tashit, Fujioka and Maik; from Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. E. Beady; from Penang, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and servant. *Per Eam*, for Amoy, 1 European, and 1 Chinese. *Per Sochow*, for Macao, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Danube* reports: Left Haiphong 30th May, with moderately fresh N.E. winds, and dull cloudy weather to Hainan Head; and thence to Ladrone, fresh N.E. winds and fine breeze rainy hazy to port.

The British steamer *Telemachus* reports: May 28th, 5 a.m., left Shanghai for Amoy; May 31st, 6.30 a.m., arrived at Amoy; had light variable winds to port with rain; June 1st, left Amoy at 5 a.m.; June 2nd, arrived at Hongkong: 7 a.m.; had light winds, hazy weather.

The British steamer *Emeralda* reports: First part, light W. breeze, fine weather; second part, moderate to fresh N.E. breeze and cloudy, with rain at times, and considerable beam sea.

The British steamer *Canton* reports: To Swatow light winds with fog, and mist at times. From Swatow, strong N.E. winds and thick rainy weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK. —

Per *Kong Beng*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANTPOO. —

Per *Pharos*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

For STRAITS & BOMBAY. —

Per *Kushnar*, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

For SINGAPORE & LONDON. —

Per *Telemachus*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

For SHANGHAI. —

Per *Yangtze*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. —

Per *Thibet*, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE. —

Per *Bengale*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

For KOBE. —

Per *Salute*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd Inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET. —

The French Contract Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 9th June, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Suez, to Saigon, Siam, the Andaman Islands, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:—

Day of departure. —

Noon. — Money Order Office closes.

3 p.m. — Registry of Letters ceases.

5 p.m. — Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

8 p.m. — Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

3.10 a.m. — Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 10 a.m.

3.30 a.m. — When the Post Office closes entirely.

3.40 a.m. — Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—

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8 p.m. — Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

3.10 a.m. — Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 10 a.m.

3.30 a.m. — When the Post Office closes entirely.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—



The letter of the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce (the Hon. A. P. MacEwen) on the concessions granted to French and German mail steamers, published yesterday, is the fullest exposition of the case yet given, and can leave no doubt on the mind of any one reading it of the inadvisability and impolicy of continuing to grant them these concessions. Without dwelling at any length on the disadvantages which are thrown upon the steamers of the F. & O. by the granting of these concessions and the manifest unfairness of conferring greater privileges on the steamers of foreign powers simply because they happen to carry mails, the letter yet concisely points out the loss of postage which is suffered by British mail and other steamers. It likewise points out that British vessels receive no sufficient *quid pro quo* in foreign ports for the advantages conferred by our Government, and fairly enough argues that we should, in a matter of this kind, not give more than we get. Mr. MacEwen's letter is sure to meet with a ready response from most of the Chambers to which it has been addressed, and a joint memorial in the sense of his suggestions to the Secretary of State may be looked for as the result of the agitation.

If such a result be attained, the Hongkong Chamber will deserve to be congratulated for their efforts to remove what is felt to be a grievance all round.

The manner in which Thackeray got at the groundwork of some of the characters in *Madame de B.* is shown in one of his letters, where, after describing the annoyance of a "fool's errand," undertaken in connection with a certain "Madame de B.," he continues:—"However, I got a character in making Madame de B.'s acquaintance, and some day she will turn up in that inevitable repository of all one's thoughts and experiences *quodcumque* suum. One is tempted to speculate whether some of the characteristics of poor Olive Newcome's mother-in-law may have been taken from Madame de B. The remark is a letter to Mr. Brookfield (undated, as also are most of them). "Get David Copperfield," by Jingo it is beautiful; it beats the yellow chalk of this month's hollow," is only another instance of Thackeray's unselfish admiration for Dickens's work. It is interesting to compare it with these words, taken from a letter to Mrs. Brookfield:—"Have you read Dickens? Oh! it is charming! I have read Dickens. It has given me very pretty touches of the most admirable Dickens touches which make such a great man of him; and the reading of the book has done another author a great deal of good. In the first place it pleases the other author to read the book, who has long left off alluding to the A's works, has been copying the O.A., and greatly simplifying his style, and overcoming the use of fine words. By this the public will be the gainer, and David Copperfield will be improved by taking the Dickens who has been copying the O.A. I have put me upon my metal; for ah! Madame, all the metal was out of me, and I have been dreadfully and curiously cast down this month past. I say secondly, it has put me on my metal, and made me feel I must give a thing that I have fame and name and family to support. The unstinted praise of his rival, the honest expression of pleasure at having taken this rival something, and the frank confession of his own inferiority, all these things put the writer on his 'metal,' are all illustrative of Thackeray's noble and yet simple character, and our admiration of the man and his works increases as we read.

A notice of the banquet to the members of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, on April 23, a contemporary gives the following particulars:—"In 1879 Her Majesty was pleased to approve the proposal that persons who had rendered distinguished services in connection with foreign affairs should be admitted to the Order on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and a statute was accordingly passed on May 6, 1879, for extending the qualifications of persons to be admitted to the Order and increasing the number of the members from 35 G.C.M.G., 120 K.C.M.G., and 200 O.M.G., total 355, to 50 G.C.M.G., 160 K.C.M.G., and 200 O.M.G., total 410. This increase of 15 G.C.M.G., 30 K.C.M.G., and 80 O.M.G., total 125, and 80 O.M.G., total 80, was intended to give persons to be recommended by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in respect of foreign services. In 1886, there being few vacancies in the Order, Her Majesty was pleased to issue a special statute, bearing date June 28 of that year, providing for the admission, without permanently increasing the number of the members of the Order, of additional members of the respective classes in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. The last statute which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to issue is dated March 10, 1887, further increasing the number of the respective classes from 50 G.C.M.G., 160 K.C.M.G., and 200 O.M.G., total 410, to 60 G.C.M.G., 180 K.C.M.G., and 250 O.M.G., total 490. This increase of 10 G.C.M.G., 20 K.C.M.G., and 50 O.M.G., total 80, was intended to give persons to be recommended by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in respect of foreign services. In 1886, there being few vacancies in the Order, Her Majesty was pleased to issue a special statute, bearing date June 28 of that year, providing for the admission, without permanently increasing the number of the members of the Order, of additional members of the respective classes in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. The last statute which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to issue is dated March 10, 1887, further increasing the number of the respective classes from 50 G.C.M.G., 160 K.C.M.G., and 200 O.M.G., total 410, to 60 G.C.M.G., 180 K.C.M.G., and 250 O.M.G., total 490. This increase of 10 G.C.M.G., 20 K.C.M.G., and 50 O.M.G., total 80, was intended to give persons to be recommended by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in respect of foreign services.

The New Servant.—When travelling in Florida, Mr. Pousoulogue was hospitably entertained by General Lorens at San Geronimo oak plantation near St. Augustine. As dessert, the General required, "Would you like to see Antonio at work?" "Who is Antonio?" replied the traveller, "One of my servants, and not the animal of the lot." He rang a bell; almost immediately a chimpanzee entered the room, about four feet in height and dressed in white pants and a scarlet jacket, and a cap of the same colour. A sign from his master, the monkey tucked a serviette under his arm, and began to clear the table, after which he distributed fresh plates, "wiping them," says the narrator, "with a perfect fringed washcloth. He had been trained to do all kinds of housework; at which he was very handy, but for occasional acts of pilfering, might be considered a model servant. This, and similar incidents, opens up a new vista in the domain of household management.

## THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

The following important and interesting correspondence was handed to us for publication by Mr. H. U. Jeffries, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

### THE POST OFFICE STAFF INADEQUATE FOR ITS WORK.

No. 643. Colonial Secretary's Office, 20th May, 1887.

Sir,—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce, the annexed copy of a letter from the Postmaster-General, suggesting a change in the day of departure of the steamers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and the Occidental and Oriental Steam Navigation Company; and to state that His Excellency would be glad to be favoured with the views of the Chamber on the subject.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

H. U. Jeffries, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

The Postmaster-General to Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 29. General Post Office, Hongkong, 6th May, 1887.

Sir,—I have the honour to suggest that a communication be addressed to the Agent of the Pacific Mail and Occidental and Oriental Steam Navigation Companies, requesting them to take into consideration the great and needless inconvenience inflicted on the public here by the constant departure of the steamers of the two Companies on the days fixed for the departure of the mails for Europe, and to consider the possibility of altering the day of departure of their steamers to a more convenient hour.

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(Sd.) H. U. Jeffries, Secretary.

Hon. F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE YEN PROPOSAL AS HONGKONG CURRENCY.

No. 707. Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th May, 1887.

Sir,—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the annexed copy of a letter from the Japanese Government, suggesting an offer of the Japanese Government to coin silver for this Colony at a charge of one per cent, and to state that His Excellency would be glad to be favoured with the views of the Chamber on the subject.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

H. U. Jeffries, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

H. M.'s Minister, Japan, to H. E. the Officer Administering the Govt.

Tokyo, 15th July, 1887.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I received, some days ago, a Note from the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, stating that, in view of enquiries which had been made of the Japanese Government, it was thought right to let me know that the Japanese Government would gladly undertake to coin as many yen as might be required at a charge of one per cent, if I could get the Colonial Government to declare the yen legal-tender in Hongkong.

I shall be glad to know what views Your Excellency entertains on this subject, and I shall be glad to enclose herewith copies of the Dispatch and its enclosures in which I have reported the matter to the Secretary of State.

I have, &c.

(Sd.) F. R. PLUNKETT, H. E. Major-General Cameron, O.B., &c., &c., Hongkong.

No. 116. Tokyo, 4th May, 1887.

My Lord,—I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of a note in which the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs informs me that in case the Government of Hongkong should be desirous of receiving the Japanese Government to coin silver for this Colony, the Japanese Government will gladly undertake the work of coining such silver Yen to the extent required at a charge of one per cent.

I also transmit copy of the reply which I addressed to Mr. Aoki, stating that I should lose no time in bringing this proposal to the notice of Your Lordship, and of the Governor of Hongkong.

In my Dispatch, No. 20 of the 19th of January, I called Your Lordship's attention to the great importance, which was then taking place, of silver yen; and to the dangers which I thought might be caused to Japan by such a continuous drain of silver. This exportation is now causing serious consequences of the opening of the tea season.

I have had occasion more than once to speak on this subject with Count Ito. His Excellency has always maintained that no danger could arise to Japan, as long as the importation of silver bullion from abroad did not fall below the exportation of the coined silver, and that so far from objecting to the exportation of silver yen for use in the Straits Settlements, or in other parts of China, he would be glad to see the silver yen adopted there, and acquire the position hitherto held in the Far East by the Mexican Dollar.

I have no doubt that the note, copy of which I am transmitting to the above object, and I trust Your Lordship's instructions, before expressing an opinion on the subject.

The chief objection I have heard raised to the adoption of the silver yen as current coin, is the fact that the Japanese have at present only one mint, namely at Osaka, and that in case of sudden financial pressure, they might find it difficult to coin sufficient yen for the use of Japan itself, without the aid of the Government of Hongkong, which, under such circumstances, would be dependent upon it.

I have, &c.

(Sd.) F. R. PLUNKETT, The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., &c., &c.

(Sd.) H.B.M.'s Legation, Tokyo, 2nd May, 1887.

Dear Mr. Aoki,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of the 28th ult., in which you inform me that in case the Government of Hongkong, in connection with the movement set on foot in that Colony and Singapore, to revise the local currency, are disposed to recognize the Japanese silver yen as legal tender in those Colonies, the Imperial Government of Japan would gladly undertake the work of coining such silver yen, to the extent required by the Hongkong Government at a charge of one per cent.

I shall lose no time in bringing this proposal to the notice of the Marquis of Salisbury, and of the Governor of Hongkong, and shall not fail to communicate to you at once the answer which I may receive on this subject.

I remain, &c.

(Sd.) F. R. PLUNKETT, His Excellency Sir Aoki.

Foreign Office, Tokyo, April 30th, 1887.

My dear Sir Francis:

Sir,—I have received a communication from Mr. T. Miyagi's Consul at Hongkong, to the effect that a plan is being contemplated there for introducing a certain movement on the currency of Hongkong and Singapore, and that leading members of the Hongkong community, in answer to enquiries made unofficially by the Consul, have intimated that they would be quite willing to adopt the Japanese silver yen, if it should receive the official recognition of the Hongkong Government.

Having referred the matter to the proper authorities of my Government, I have now the honour to acquaint you that in case the Government of Hongkong should decide to recognize the Japanese silver yen as the legal currency, the Imperial Government would gladly undertake the work of coining such silver yen at the charge of 1 per cent, feeling amply able to supply whatever amount may be needed. I hope you will be as good as to communicate the proposal of the Imperial Government to the favourable consideration of the proper authorities of the Hongkong Government, and to assist in bringing the matter into a successful consummation.

I remain, &c.

(Sd.) SOTSU AKOY, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1887.

Sir,—I have the honour, by direction of the Committee, to reply to your despatch No. 707, dated 18th May, forwarding for the consideration and opinion of the Chamber, copies of correspondence respecting the offer of the Japanese Government to coin silver for this Colony at a charge of one per cent.

The subject was fully considered at a meeting of the Committee held on the 20th instant, and I am desired to state, for the information of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, that the Chamber cannot recommend the adoption of the silver yen in Hongkong, chiefly for the reason that it is not current amongst the Chinese in the Canton provinces.

During the Export season, large shipments of coin have to be made from Hongkong to Canton in payment for silk and other produce, and it is obvious that great inconvenience would result if a coinage was established here which is not available for shipment to the port of Canton.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

H. U. Jeffries, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

THE REGISTRATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1887.

Sir,—I am requested by the Chamber to bring to the notice of Government the great necessity that exists for providing some form of legislation to ensure, in the absence of a Customs House, the Registration of the Imports and Exports of the Colony, and the Committee feel that the importance of the measure to those interested in the trade of Hongkong will be recognized as sufficient cause for their suggesting this subject for the consideration of Government.

The Committee desire to point out that, an Ordinance dealing with the entry and clearance of goods is now in force in the neighbouring free port of Singapore, the chief provisions of which are that, the Governor in Council may, at any time, may revoke or alter the provisions of the Ordinance, and that the Regulations under the Ordinance shall be published in the Government Gazette, and it imposes a penalty for each breach of the Regulations.

Under the Regulations, written declarations according to prescribed forms, are required to be made within a fixed period to the Registrar of Imports and Exports, giving details of all goods imported or exported, and the names of the Importers and Exporters.

In the opinion of the Committee, a similar scheme would be practicable here, and as the Regulations under the Ordinance in Singapore are not yet in force, it is suggested that the Government, I am desired to respectfully request that the Draft of a Bill and the Rules under it may be prepared and submitted to the Chamber, in order to afford the members an opportunity of offering suggestions on the subject.

I have, &c.

A. P. MAC EWEN, Vice-Chairman.

Hon. F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial Secretary.

HARDSHIPS ON VESSELS TRADING TO AUSTRALIA.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1887.

Sir,—I am directed by the Chamber to bring again to your notice the hardship that shipping, trading between this port and the Australian Colonies and carrying passengers, is subjected to owing to the application of obsolete regulations passed in 1872, applying to trade of the present day. According to a schedule, dated March 1872, the voyages hence to Sydney and Melbourne are classified as exceeding 30 days, which entails upon the shipowners the expense of provisioning and employing their vessels with medicines and other necessities, in excess of what is really necessary for the actual time occupied by the voyage. Shipping so employed is also subjected to regulations which are not applicable to vessels running on regular lines, and which are very oppressive.

The average passage of the steam vessels now engaged in the trade to Sydney does not exceed 22 days; and to Melbourne 24 days. Further, in the event of a breakdown between Hongkong and Sydney after Port Darwin is reached, the vessel can return to Hongkong, without incurring any two or three days, whence all necessities could be obtained.

The schedule in question obviously requires remodelling as regards the following points:—

Port Darwin, 10 days from Hongkong, Thursday Island, 13 " "

Cooktown, 14 " "

Townsville, 15 " "

Brisbane, 17 " "

Sydney, 22 " "

The Committee addressed the Government on this question in their letter of 4th October 1885, when some modifications were suggested, since then the trade has increased so largely that they deem it to be imperative to seek the full recognition of the schedule that the case demands.

I have, &c.

(Signed) A. P. MAC EWEN, Vice-Chairman.

Hon. F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial Secretary.

THE QUESTION OF QUARANTINE.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 1st June 1887.

Sir,—The Committee of this Chamber has recently had its attention drawn to an article which appears in *Whittaker's Almanack* for the current year, page 469, and entitled "Epidemics," from which the following is extracted:—

"As a set-off to these startling facts, Sir Joseph Fayrer stated that in the case of cholera, the theory that it was a communicable disease was now exploded, and that the trade has increased so largely that they deem it to be imperative to seek the full recognition of the schedule that the case demands."

The vexed question of Quarantine has been the subject of a lengthy correspondence between this Government and the Chamber, and I am directed by my Committee to say that they will feel much obliged for any information that may be in your power to furnish them with a view to ascertaining if the above-quoted statement is correct.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

H. U. Jeffries, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Secretaries, Bengal Chamber of Commerce, Cal



